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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NSC ON THE STATUS
OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

I. AUTHORITY

The IAC dissolved the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications and established the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications. The first meeting of PROCIAC was on 30 June 1958. This report reflects the activities of both Committees.

II. MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

a. Evaluation Studies. The publications procurement activities of field collections in the USSR and East European Satellites have been evaluated and coordinated papers distributed, commenting on the effectiveness and appreciation of such collection. Continuing program.

b. Exchange of Information. The monthly meetings of the Committee provided a forum for the exchange of information concerning procurement matters, resulting in better coordination of requirements and closer cooperation among field collectors.

c. Field Trips. The Chairman and the State member visited 26 posts in Europe and the Middle East, and 12 posts in Africa respectively, to stimulate the procurement efforts and explain the Washington coordination program.

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d. Publications Officer Conferences. In April, 1958, the Chairman, State member and other appropriate officials attended a Conference in

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This Conference, like another held with Defense Department collectors, was during the field trips previously mentioned and resulted in already evident better procurement efforts.

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III. MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The Committee will continue to meet with field collectors, specifically a comprehensive survey of the Far East is planned for fall, 1958. The Committee will review and evaluate the various procurement programs and will make recommendations to ensure that maximum utilization is made of the various media for publications procurement by the U.S. Government. To facilitate maximum utilization of the procurement programs, the Committee has invited the following agencies to designate representatives to this Committee National Security Agency, U.S. Information Agency, National Science Foundation, and Library of Congress. This Committee will coordinate its activities with those of the IAC Committees on Documentation and Exploitation.


Secretary

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